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# CENTRAL ASSOCIATION.

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## CONSTITUTION.

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1. The name of the Central Association shall be "THE LIBERAL CONSERVATIVE ASSOCIATION OF THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS."

2. The territorial limits of the Association shall be the Counties of Compton, Stanstead, Brome, Missisquoi, Shefford, Sherbrooke, Richmond and Wolfe, Drummond and Arthabaska and Megantic.

3. The object of the Association is to promote by all lawful means the interests of the Liberal Conservative party in the Eastern Townships.

4. The Officers of the Association shall be Patrons, a President, eleven Vice-Presidents, one for each of the Counties named in Section No. 2, two Secretaries, one French and one English, a Treasurer, one English Corresponding Secretary and one French Corresponding Secretary.

5. The Officers of the Association, excepting the Corresponding Secretaries and the Executive Committee who shall be chosen by the President and the Vice-Presidents, shall be elected annually by the members thereof, at a general meeting to be held annually at the City of Sherbrooke on the last Thursday in January. They shall hold office for one year only, but excepting the President shall be eligible for re-election. Presidents of County Associations shall always be chosen as Vice-Presidents of this Association.

6. The duties of the President shall be to preside at all meetings of the Association from the time of his election until the election of his successor.

7. Each Vice-President is expected with the aid of one of the Corresponding Secretaries to organize a County Association in the electoral division which he is chosen to represent and to see that the Constitution and By-Laws of County Associations hereinafter recited is put into good working order in his constituency. His title in the County Association shall be "President." After the organization of the County Association the person chosen by the County Association as

President shall be *ex-officio* a Vice-President of the Central Association.

8. The duties of the Secretaries shall be to conduct the official correspondence of the Association and keep the minutes of its meetings. They shall also keep the record of its membership.

9. The duties of the Treasurer shall be to receive the moneys belonging to the Association and to disburse the same under the orders of the Executive Committee hereinafter provided for.

10. The duties of the Corresponding Secretaries shall be to aid the several Vice-Presidents in organizing County Associations, to see that these Associations are at all times in good working order, to provide for the proper supervision of the revising of the Voters lists, to disseminate political reading matter, to aid in elections, and generally to serve the interests of the party.

11. There shall be chosen each year an Executive Committee of three persons, with power to add two to their number. The duties of the Executive Committee shall be to raise the funds necessary to defray the expenses of the Association, to direct the Treasurer as to the payment of claims against the Association, to provide public speakers and generally to manage the affairs of the Association.



12. The services of all the officers of the Central Association shall be gratuitous, excepting those of the Corresponding Secretaries who shall each receive a salary of \$500 per annum and expenses when travelling on the business of the Association.

13. The fee to be paid annually to entitle a person to membership in this Association shall be \$1.00. The same shall be payable in the month of March in each year. If, however, payment is made before the annual meeting is held, the party so paying shall be entitled to vote at and take part in the general meeting.

14. Every County Association must have a membership of at least fifty in this Association, to be entitled to the services of the Officers of this Association and to share in the expenditure of its funds.

15. Members of this Association may vote by proxy at all meetings of this Association, but proxies can only be held by members of the Association.

16. The voting for Officers of the Association shall be by ballot initialed by the Secretary. Other votes shall be as directed by the President or other Officer presiding.

17. In the absence of the President the senior Vice-President, who is present, shall preside.

18. Two weeks notice of all meetings of the Association shall be given by advertisement in the Conservative press of the Eastern Townships.

19. When a constituency contains two Counties as in the case of Richmond and Wolfe, the two County Associations may be called to meet in joint convention upon the order of the Presidents of the two County Associations.

20. The following shall be the Constitution and By-Laws of County and Townships Associations in connection with this Association.

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# CONSTITUTION OF COUNTY ASSOCIATIONS OR BY TOWNSHIP MEETINGS.

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1. This Association shall consist of delegates duly elected by the different polling sub-divisions or Primary Associations of the constituency. The chairman of each Primary Association shall be *ex-officio* a member of the County Association.

2. Each polling sub-division in the County shall be entitled to two delegates besides the chairman. The County Association shall meet annually or oftener on the call of the President or of ten delegates.

3. The Officers of this Association shall consist of a President and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected by the delegates at the annual meeting; the Secretary-Treasurer may be elected outside the delegates.

4. The Chairmen of the several local municipal organizations shall *ex-officio* be Vice-Presidents.

5. The President of the Association shall preside at all meetings, preserve order, and give the casting vote in case of a tie, except in cases otherwise provided for in this Constitution or the By-Laws.





6. Should the President be absent, a Chairman *pro-tem*. shall be elected from among the Vice-Presidents by vote of majority, and shall act and have the same powers as the President.

7. The Secretary-Treasurer shall attend all meetings of the Association (or furnish a competent substitute) and keep a record of each and every meeting of the Association, keep a list of membership, also a strict account of all money entrusted to him and pay all orders countersigned by the President, he shall also collect of each Local Association the sum of ten cents *per capita* annually.

8. The following questions shall be decided by a two-thirds vote of the delegates present at any meeting: Any change in Constitution or By-Laws, the election of President, the election of Secretary-Treasurer, the choice of candidates to represent the party at Quebec or Ottawa. All other questions arising shall be decided by majority vote.

9. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer to notify the Chairman of each municipal organization of each and every meeting by registered letter (not less than fifteen days previous to said meeting) said notice to mention the object or business for which the meeting is convened.

10. Before the name of any candidate is allowed to be submitted to the meeting, he must pledge himself, or if absent, his nominators must pledge themselves for him, that he will cordially support whoever may be the nominee of the convention.

11. At all meetings of this Association for the election of Officers or the selection of Parliamentary candidates, a

standing vote shall first be taken; the members present pledging themselves to support the nominee of the meeting by all the means in their power.

12. All voting shall be done by ballot ; the President and Secretary-Treasurer shall act as scrutineers.

13. No delegate attending a meeting of this Association shall be allowed to leave until the business for which said meeting was called is completed, without permission given by majority of delegates present.

14. The Annual Meeting of this Association shall be held in \_\_\_\_\_ Hall, on such day as the County or Township Association may fix.

# BY-LAWS

## GOVERNING

### Polling Sub-divisions or Primary Associations.

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1. Each Primary Liberal Conservative Association shall be composed of all persons who are favorable to the Liberal Conservative Party, and express their willingness to become members thereof and pay an annual fee of *twenty-five cents*.
2. The Officers of the Primary Association shall be a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Secretary-Treasurer, who shall be elected annually by a majority vote.
3. It shall be the duty of the Chairman to preside at all meetings, decide tie votes, attend all meetings of the County Association, and cause all delegates duly elected to be notified seven clear days before said meeting.
4. It shall be the duty of each Vice-President to see that the party is represented at the revision of Voters list by the Revising Barrister, and that in his division all conservatives entitled to vote are on the Voters list and to appeal against and have struck off all names of opponents improperly inserted thereon, and generally to watch closely the interest of the Conservative party.



5. It shall be the duty of the Secretary-Treasurer of each Primary Association to keep a list of members, furnish a copy of said list to Secretary of the County Association, to collect and remit to him all dues exacted by said Association, also carefully preserve all books, papers and valuables left in his care, and pass the same over to his successor.

6. The delegates of each Primary Association shall be composed of the Chairman of same together with two delegates respectively for each polling sub-division, said delegates to be chosen by majority vote of the Primary Association.

7. Delegates sent by the Primary organizations shall have the right to use all legitimate means to secure the nomination of candidates for Parliament acceptable to the majority of the Primary Association they represent. But it must be understood that all delegates must support the nominee of the County Association.

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## HINTS FOR THE FORMATION AND WORKING OF ASSOCIATION.

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In forming an Association the chief thing to guard against is its remaining one simply on paper. To avoid this the greatest care must be used to select good officers. Only active and energetic men should be chosen. Filling the offices with mere figureheads destroys the efficiency of many Associations. It does not by any means follow merely because a man is popular, and a zealous Conservative, that he would make a good President or Vice-President. While such men are useful, they should not be selected unless they are also men of active business habits, with strong wills, and who will *insist* upon the work being done.

In canvassing persons to join the Association, every exertion should be taken to bring in all the young men and lads possible, whether of age and having votes or not. They all have their associations and connections, and when enlisted, their energy will be found invaluable in the work of the Association. It should be their special duty to see that Conservative income franchise voters and farmers' sons are on the roll and vote.

Attention is called to the necessity of having the Valuers do their duty when they are preparing the rolls.

Special care should be taken by each Chairman to ascertain those persons in his division who take no newspapers,

and to at once endeavour to get them to subscribe for a Conservative paper. Every effort should be made to substitute a Conservative for a Reform paper.

The Officers of each Local Association should work up their respective divisions as though they were an Association by themselves.

It will be found useful for each Chairman to have meetings occasionally of the members of the Association resident in his section, to discuss matters of interest, and to see what is being done.

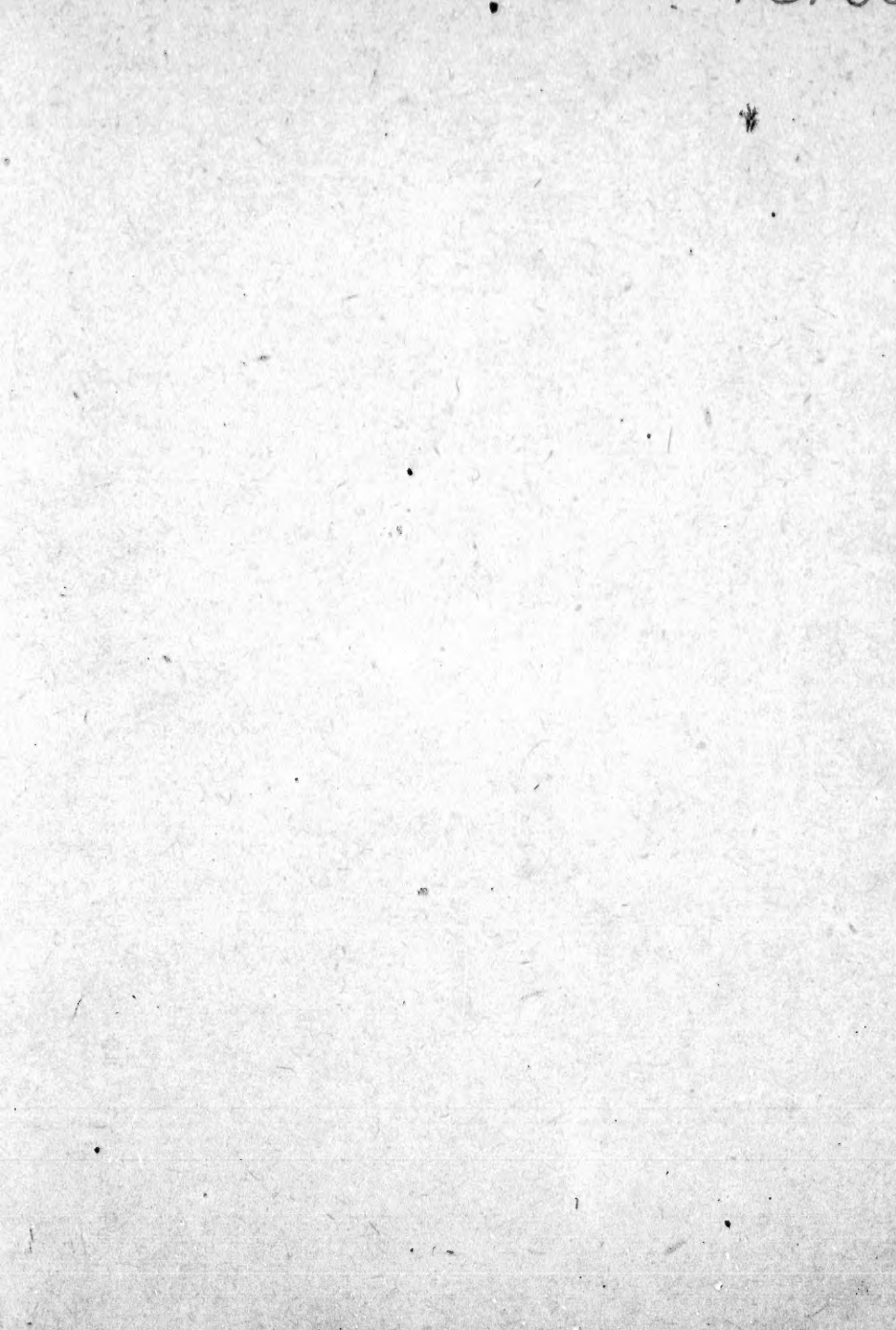
Copies of the Voters' List should constantly be kept on hand, revised, and annotated.

When a new resident comes into the division his views should at once be ascertained, and every effort made to get him to join the Association, or pledged to the party.

It should be the duty of the Chairman of every Convention for the nomination of Candidates, to impress upon the delegates the nature and responsibility of their duties. The question before them is—who is the strongest and most available man of the party? They should approach the question in a judicial spirit. Personal likes and dislikes should be abandoned, and sectional jealousies should not be entertained. A man may be strong and popular in his township and vicinity, but unknown and perhaps unpopular in others. Each delegate should ask himself the question, who is the strongest available man to contest this constituency, and for that man it is his bounden duty to vote even if he does not know or dislikes him personally. Upon the impartial decision of the delegates must in almost every instance depend the success of the party.







# THE EASTERN TOWNSHIPS

## Liberal Conservative Association



### OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 1894:

#### PATRONS :

HON. M. H. COCHRANE,

HON. W. B. IVES,

HON. G. A. DRUMMOND,

HON. JOHN MCINTOSH,

#### PRESIDENT :

GEO. G. FOSTER.

#### VICE-PRESIDENTS :

NAP. LEMIEUX, *Compton.*

J. H. CREPEAU, *Wolfe.*

DR. COMEAU, *Missisquoi.*

CHAS. CHURCH, *Drummond.*

T. A. KNOWLTON, *Shefford.*

FELIX BARIL, *Arthabaska.*

F. P. BUCK, *Sherbrooke.*

DR. HUME, *Megantic.*

AYLMER PLACE, *Brome.*

#### TREASURER :

WM. FARWELL,

#### SECRETARIES :

H. R. FRASER,

E. P. OLIVIER,

